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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
VINCENT TURTURRO et al.)
Serial No.: 09/977,289) Group Art Unit: 3736
Filed: October 16, 2001) Examiner: To Be Assigned
For: BIOPSY INSTRUMENT HAVING IRRIGATION AND ASPIRATION CAPABILITIES	RECEIV AUG 15 C 3700 MA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	EIVED MAIL ROOM
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 28 and ending on page 29 with the following two paragraphs:

In use, it will be appreciated that the distal end of the endoscope to which the collar 80 is coupled is maneuvered adjacent the desired tissue for sampling and the distal assembly is brought into contact with tissue 110 (Figs. 10 and 11). The actuation handle 12 is actuated to close the jaws 88, 90 and cut off a tissue sample 112. When the jaws 88, 90 are in a closed position the irrigation means and the aspiration means are activated and the first proximal irrigation coupling tube and the first

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